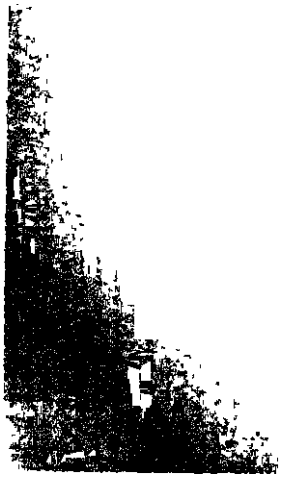
and so from a perishable earthly kingdom pass to an eternal one."[J] But before anything could be effected, war broke out between Venice and Genoa, between the Litter power and Cyprus • Bernabo Viscontt continued to keep all the forces of t!* Church engaged in Italy ; all the Pope's efforts to make peace between France and England proved in vain.

Nevertheless, at the beginning of 1373, Gregory proclaimed the Crusade. Birgitta, as we saw, had from the outset raised the voice of prophecy against the scheme, as one that merely afforded at once an excuse to the Pope for neglecting his more immediate duty, and an opportunity to the mercenary soldiers for plundering and ravaging on a more extensive scale than was possible in Christendom. But Catherine, on the contrary, was fired with enthusiasm at the papal announcement. She saw in the proposed expedition at once the liberation of the sepulchre of Christ and the deliverance of Italy from these armed pests that, like the eagle upon Prometheus, were feeding upon her vitals ; visions passed before her eyes of crowds of martyrs offering up their blood for the redemption of the Holy Land, of men who had hitherto fought for Mammon putting on the sign of the Cross, expending their fierce strength and ardour in battling for the Faith. So when, a little later, the papal summons and invitation were repeated, and fresh briefs from Avignon arrived in Italy, her voice rang out, *sicura, balda e* /;>/&, from the *[c] City of the Virgin," as had Dante's of old from the ruddy sign of Mars.



But already the cloud was gathering on the horizon that was to reader the Pope's design abortive and even Catherine's eloquent |4<*Jbg of no avail. Early in the following year, 13745 the **jfafe** recalled Cardinal d'Estaing, and appointed Guillaume de tfeeget, known as the Cardinal of Sant' Angelo, to take his place " ~"te m Italy and papal governor of Bologna. The new fcstored Bologna on March 15 : "He came through •* aad, when

he arrived at Florence, the Florentines m great honour ; but here we did not welcome him as j** "•* *»» the others, because this novelty of changing cardinal [1] RftjrnaWus, yii. pp. z0j, *202, 223,* 118